

In the Specification

Please substitute the following amended paragraph for the paragraph beginning on page 1 line 4 of the application.

This application is a continuation of U.S. patent application serial number 09/702,450, filed on October 31, 2000, which was a continuation-in-part of U.S. patent applications Serial No. 09/271,517; filed March 18, 1999, and entitled, "System For Monitoring Conditions in a Residential Living Community," and Serial No. 09/439,059, filed November 12, 1999, and entitled, "System and Method for Monitoring and Controlling Remote Devices." Each of the identified U.S. patent applications is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety. ~~This application also claims the benefit of U.S. provisional application Serial No. 60/201,252, filed May 1, 2000, and entitled "System and Method for Monitoring and Controlling Remote Devices," U.S. provisional application Ser. No. 60/223,932, filed August 9, 2000, and entitled "Design Specifications for a Smoke Detector Communications Device," and U.S. provisional application Ser. No. 60/223,923, filed August 9, 2000, and entitled "Design Specifications for a Repeater Function."~~ Each of the identified U.S. provisional applications is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety.